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The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. Kerr, from Psalm 51. 12—13. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me by thy free spirit; then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

The Convention was then called to order by A. Dockery, President, and opened with prayer by bro. Ballard.

On motion, Appointed Bro. J. B. Outlaw, S. Lee, J. Culpeper, Jr., and A. S. Winn, a Financial Committee.

Delegates and contributions were received from the following Churches, Societies, Associations, and individuals:

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Wake,	Chesnut Grove, Wake Forest,	A. S. Winn, { S. Wait,* J. B. Out-	Roger's Store. Wake Forest.
Cumberland,	Rolesville Church, Raleigh,	Thomas Crocker,* Joel B. Clifton,	Rolesville.
	{ Cape Fear Fe- male Society, { Cape Fear Asso- ciation,	{ C. McAllister,* Jas. M'Daniel, J. S. Mims, { J. S. Mims, J. Smith,* { E. Davis,* R. Mel- vin,* A. Robbins,*	Fayetteville. Do.
Craven,	W. P. Biddle, Newbern,	S. S. Biddle, T. Meredith,	Fort Barnwell.
Chatham,	Reeves' Chapel, Mineral Spring, May's Chapel, Rock Spring,	Aaron Emerson, R. J. Johnston, F. Hawley, { G. W. Thompson, C. { S. Foosee,	Pittsboro'.
Richmond,	Mount Pisgah, Carthledge's Creek.	{ G. Northam, Isaac Mason, A. Dockery.	Dockery's Store.
Davidson,	Lick Creek, Abbott's Creek, Hollaway's Ch.	Eli Carrell, James Evans, Armstead Owen,	Brummell's P.O.
Iredell,	Jersey Settlement, Society M. H. New Hope,	J. Wiseman, G. Tussey, Paul Phifer, { W. Richards, J. B. { Ballard, A. Roby,	Mt. Arnon, Rowan. Surry, C. H.
Guilford, Mecklenburg,	Jamestown, Beulah Church. Charlotte, Long Creek,	Isaac Beeson, S. Fox, J. Pritchard, James Thomas, John Low,	Charlotte.
Caswell, Anson,	County Line, Cedar Creek,	Sidney S. Lee, { J. Culpeper, Jr., J. { Thomas, Benj. San- { ders, M. Flake, J. Culpeper, Sen.,	Yanceyville. Beverly.
Johnston, Rowan,	Rocky Run, Smithfield, Eaton's Church,	D. Lunsford, John Dismukes,	Do.

Person,	Fork Church,	Jos. Pickler,	
Granville,	Olive Branch,	Thos. Halliburton,	
Orange,	Beulah Association,	Alexis Howard,	
	Grassy Creek Ch.	John Stovall,	
	Hester's Creek,	M. D. Freeman,	
	Mount Zion,	D. Patterson,	
	Mount Carmel,	W. H. Merritt,	
	Mount Moriah,		
Wilkes,	Antioch,	John Durham,	
Moore,	Brier Creek,	Jas. Martin,	Sugg's Bridge, P.O.
Burke,	Dover M. H.	Horatio Sugg,	
Surry,	Globe church.		
	Island Ford,	Thos. Hampton,	Jonesville,
Montgomery,		Thos. Wright,	
	Cross Roads,	David Wright,	
	Kendall's church.		
New Hanover,	Wilmington,	A. W. Chambliss,	
		Wm. J. Finlay,	
Hertford,	Meherring church,	J. W. Pender,	
{ Chesterfield	{ Female Benevo-		
{ D S. So. Ca.	{ lent Society,		
Stokes,	New Friendship,	John Charles.	

On motion, *Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

ALFRED DOCKERY, President.

THOMAS MEREDITH,

SAMUEL WAIT,

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW,

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Corresponding Secretary.

JAMES McDANIEL, Recording Secretary

WILLIAM ROLES, Treasurer.

} Vice Presidents.

On motion, Appointed Bro. J. Culpeper, Jr., J. Dismukes, J. B. Ballard, Isaac Beeson, and A. S. Winn, a Committee to elect preachers to occupy the stage during this session of the Convention.

On motion, Adjourned to 10 o'clock—to-morrow morning.

Prayer by bro. J. Culpeper, Jr.

Saturday Morning.

Met according to adjournment. Bro. J. McDaniel, prayed.

On motion, Invited ministering brethren to sit with us; whereupon brethren Dr. Jas. Bager, Josiah Wiseman, Barton Roby, and Richard Jacks came forward and took seats.

On motion, Appointed brethren Kerr, Ballard, and Meredith a Committee on Foreign Missions; Meredith, Ballard, and Hampton, on Home Missions; Armstrong, Lee, and Chambliss, on Periodicals; Meredith, Outlaw, and Baker, on the Agency; Ballard, Hawley, and J. Culpeper, Sen., on Sabbath Schools; Armstrong, Daniel, and Outlaw, on Arrangements; Chambliss, Jordan, and Northam, on Temperance; Bidle, Hawley, and Richards, on Tracts; Armstrong, Culpeper, Sen., and Mims, on Education; Outlaw, Thompson, and Freeman, on the Wake Forest Institute; J. Culpeper, Jr., Thomas, and Meredith, on our Denomination in N. C.; J. Culpeper, Sen., Finlay, and Jordan, on the

Board of Managers; Armstrong, Meredith, and Kerr, on the expediency of the establishment of a Professorship of Sacred Literature at Wake Forest Institute, by this Convention; Armstrong, Meredith, and Merrit, on the expediency of the establishment of a Female Seminary; Armstrong, McDaniel, and Meredith, on the nomination of Agents for the ensuing year; Wait, Armstrong, Outlaw, Crenshaw, and Roles, on the preparation of a Letter of instructions for the Agents; Dr. S. Fox, Winn, and Martin, on the Treasury.

On motion, Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of hearing the Conventional Sermon, which was delivered by bro. Armstrong, from Acts 16. 30, 31.

Prayer by bro. Meredith.

Two O'Clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Hawley.

Ordered the Bye Laws to be read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bye Laws of this Convention be printed and appended to these Minutes.

On motion, The Report of the Board was called for, read, received, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

On motion, Agents were called on to report; bro. J. Culpeper, Sen., read his report, which was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Bro. Jas. Thomas read his report, which was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Bro. Wm. J. Finlay, read his report, which was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Letter from the Raleigh Church be referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Received a Letter of Correspondence from the South Carolina Convention, by the hands of Jas. Thomas, who was cordially invited to a seat with us as a Delegate from that Body.

On motion, Adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening.

Prayer by bro. Phifer.

Seven O'Clock.

Met according to Adjournment, and after the roll was called, bro. Armstrong prayed at the opening of business.

On motion, Appointed bro. J. Armstrong, T. Meredith, and D. J. Baker, our Delegates to the South Carolina Convention, to meet in Charleston on Saturday previous to the 2d Sabbath in Dec. 1835.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the brethren who wish to become beneficiaries of this Convention, be examined before the Convention.

Bro. Thomas McDaniel presented himself before the Convention, wishing to become a beneficiary, and was examined and received.

On motion, Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by bro. Ballard.

Sabbath Morning.

The exercises of the day were opened by bro. J. Armstrong, from

Mrs. Archibald Henderson \$ 3.00

James 2. 26. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." After a respite of a few minutes the congregation was again addressed by bro. T. Meredith, in behalf of the Convention, from Revelations 6. 17. "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand." After which a collection was taken up in aid of the objects contemplated by the Convention. The congregation was then dismissed for the space of 15 minutes, after which they were again addressed by bro. J. McDaniel, from John 15. 15. "I have called you friends."

At 3 o'clock, P. M. the congregation was again addressed by bro. J. Kerr, from Isaiah 4. 31. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

At candle-light, bro. J. B. Ballard addressed the congregation from Matthew 17. 5. "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The seriousness and attention of the congregation throughout the exercises of the whole day, were such as furnish ground for pleasing expectation.

Monday Morning.

Met according to Adjournment. Bro. Richards prayed at the opening of business.

Ordered the Roll to be called.

Ordered the Bye Laws to be read.

On motion, Called on Committees to report.

The Committee on arrangements reported; report was received, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Periodical reported; report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention, will each use our utmost endeavours to secure five additional subscribers, and send them to the Editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly request that all the friends of this Convention do the same.

The Committee on Temperance reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on Tracts reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on Home Missions reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That missionary services be employed during the ensuing year, to the full extent of the funds in hand.

Resolved, That the attention of our Churches, Societies, and congregations, be especially called to the claims of our Domestic Missions as a matter of paramount importance.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to superintend our missionary operations during the ensuing twelve months—to make contracts—give instructions—and especially to secure the execution of the preceding resolutions.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to nominate two Agents, and an adequate number of Missionaries for the next year.

The Committee on Education reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on the Wake Forest Institute reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on the expediency of establishing a Female Seminary reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Voted that the next session of this Convention be held at the County Line Church, in Caswell county, N. C.

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention, commence on the Friday preceeding the 2d Sabbath in Nov. 1836.

On motion, Appointed bro. J. McDaniel, to preach the Sermon in behalf of the Convention on Sabbath, at its next session.

On motion, Appointed bro. J. Culpeper Jr., to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this Convention. Services to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, Appointed bro. T. Meredith to preach the Conventional sermon at 11 o'clock on Saturday, at next session of this Convention.

On motion, Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by bro. McDaniel.

Tuesday Morning.

Met according to adjournment. Bro. Armstrong prayed at the opening of business.

Ordered the roll to be called; after which proceeded to business.

The Committee on nomination of Agents and Missionaries for the ensuing year reported: report received and Committee discharged.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we employ J. Culpeper, Sen., for one of our Agents for the ensuing year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we employ F. Hawley for one of our Agents for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed bro. Mills Piland, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed Wm. J. Finley, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed M. D. Freeman, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

On motion, Appointed Geo. Douglas, one of our Missionaries for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That we highly approve the Resolution of the Triennial Convention, to raise a hundred thousand dollars within the present year, for Foreign Missions, and that we will use our best efforts to pay our full proportion of that sum.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the expediency of the establishment of a professorship of Sacred Literature at Wake Forest Institute, be allowed to make their report to the next session of this Convention.

The Committee on the Agency reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Resolved, That the Convention employ the services of two efficient Agents for the whole of the time, during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, whose duty shall be to prepare a letter of Instructions for the Agents.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we request bro. Kerr, to deliver a valedictory sermon at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Financial committee reported: report was accepted and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on our Denomination in N. C., reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Bro. J. Kerr appeared, and presented a copy of the Proceedings of the General Association of Virginia, certifying his Delegation to this Body; and he was cordially welcomed to a seat with us.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Agents and Missionaries be instructed to learn the number of Associations, Churches, Ministers, and private members of the denomination in this State—also, how many of the above are favorable to missions, and how many are not—together with the address of the ministers.

The Committee on the Board of Managers reported: report was received and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

The Committee on the Treasury reported: report was received and referred to a Committee to adjust.

Resolved, That, in as much as the Wake Forest Institute is, in point of fact the offspring of the Convention, the Trustees of that institution be requested to accept from this body a nomination out of which to choose members to fill all vacancies occurring in that body.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention, that the late fanatical proceedings touching the subject of abolition, are uncalled for, intrusive, and pernicious, and that as such they have our most unqualified disapprobation.

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from among us, our beloved and highly esteemed bro. Turner Carter, late a Vice President of this body,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Convention entertain a deep sense of his value, and of the loss which has been sustained by his death.

On motion, Adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening. Prayer by bro. Meredith.

Six O'Clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by bro. J. Culpeper, Jr.

Resolved, That we highly approve the services rendered this body by our beloved bro. Wm. J. Finley, and that we hope he will render us his further services as a Missionary of this Convention.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the services rendered this body by our beloved bro. Jas. Thomas, and that we hope he will, in his occasional itineracies, aid our Convention as he may be enabled.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to the proprietors of the tents and of the camp-ground, and the citizens of the neighbourhood, for the handsome and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the session of this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Rev. John Kerr, for his valedictory address to the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That those of our Missionaries who have no families, be paid 15 dollars per month for their services; and that those who have families be paid 20 dollars per month for their services.

Resolved, That the Baptist State Convention of N. C., transfer, and do hereby transfer all their right and title to the Lands of Wake Forest Institute, to the Trustees of the said Wake Forest Institute.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Agents have 75 cents, per day for their services.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we have 1500 copies of these Minutes printed, and that bro. Meredith print them, and send one copy by mail to every subscriber to the Biblical Recorder in N. C.—to every Society that contributes to the funds of this Convention—to every minister of our denomination in this State—and to any other to whom he may deem it expedient.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we request a copy of bro. Armstrong's Sermon, delivered on Saturday, for publication.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the adjustment of the report on the Treasury, be submitted to brethren, A. Battle, J. B. Outlaw, and C. McAlister.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to transmit to the Treasurer of the General Convention of the United States for Foreign Missions, the amount of Funds in our Treasury, for Foreign Missions.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of \$70 be appropriated to meet the expenses of bro. Johnston, at the Institute.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of \$55 be appropriated to meet the expenses of bro. Wm. Jones, at the Institute.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the sum of \$30 be appropriated for the advance payment, to meet the expenses of bro. Thos. McDaniel, at the Institute.

On motion, Appointed brethren T. Meredith, J. B. Outlaw, J. McDaniel, S. S. Lee, and Jas. King, our Delegates to the General Association of Virginia, at its next session.

On motion, *Resolved*, That those holding funds designed for the use of the Convention, be requested to transmit the same to the Treasurer, Wm. Roles, Esq., at Rolesville, Wake county, N. C.

On motion, Adjourned.

Prayer by bro. Finley.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

In presenting their fifth annual report, the Board would refer to some

discouraging events of the past year. Since the last meeting of the Convention, death has entered our body and thinned our number.-- Scarcely had we recovered from the afflictive dispensation, suffered in the death of bro. Dr. Graham, when the Great Head of the church saw fit to call away our beloved bro. Turner Carter. Bro. C. had been a zealous, active, and liberal member of the Board for the last three years, and his talents, wisdom, and discretion contributed largely in giving efficiency to its operations. In his death the Convention has sustained a grievous loss—but it is our duty to submit without a murmur.

As a source of discouragement and disappointment, the Board would mention the unsettled state of our population. Many of our most efficient brethren have removed to the distant West, and many more are on the eve of departure. This circumstance very materially limits our efforts and checks our progress. In the view of the Board, it admits of a very serious doubt, whether a christian man can be in the path of duty, when he abandons a station in which he is promoting the spiritual interest of his fellow men, for the simple consideration of bettering his worldly condition. The love of self may result in the accumulation of a large earthly treasure, but it is the dictate of nature disorganized by evil; the love of others is a dictate of the gospel, and it will most assuredly tend to promote the interests that extend beyond the world.

“In seeking others' good, we find our own.”

But while there are some occurrences over which we are disposed to weep, there are others, which call for the gratitude of our hearts, and the increased efforts of our hands. The Lord continues to sanction the means which we are employing for the salvation of man, and the glory of his own name. The labours of our Agents and Missionaries are attended with success, and the various objects of the Convention are rousing up the energies and commanding the influence of the intelligent and pious of the Denomination.

Bro. Haynes, one of our Missionaries, writes from Haywood county, that the religious state of matters beyond the mountains is very encouraging. He has baptized, during the past year, more than forty persons. He also states that considerable interest is manifested in that region of the State on the subject of religion; and that there is a considerable increase of the friends of liberal views and benevolent Institutions. The field of labor occupied by bro. H. was all the region between the French Broad River and the western boundary of the State. The time of service was six months.

Bro. Richards, another Missionary, writes from Iredell, and gives an encouraging view of the religious interest of his field of labour. He spent nearly two months in visiting the churches in Ashe, Wilkes, and Iredell. Some of his meetings were more than ordinarily encouraging, and the prospects of good very promising.

Bro. Freeman, another of the Missionaries, has been in the service of the Convention nearly all the past year. His field of labour has been

a large portion of the middle part of the State. Bro. F. is much encouraged with the increasing prospects of the Convention.

The Great Head of the church has, in his mercy, poured out his spirit again upon Wake Forest Institute. Numbers of the young men have professed a hope in the Saviour; and they now give strong evidence of their adoption into the family of the Lord. It is cause of congratulation among ourselves, and much gratitude to the God of mercy, that some of the finest talent of the Institute has been evidently embraced by this revival. We may cherish the hope, that the Lord will make use of the talent which he has converted to himself, for the promotion of his cause in our own State and country, and in the distant regions of the East. We have much reason to bless God that the Institute has ever been brought into existence. The work is the Lord's and the glory shall be the Lord's.

It cannot fail to warm with gratitude every christian heart, that the Head of the church is blessing in a most extraordinary manner, the efforts of our brethren in Burmah, and in the adjacent nations. In the very heart of Burmah, the capital of the Empire, a church has been established, and the Gospel is silently subduing the hearts of the proud benighted Burmans. Within a few years, the Missions of American Baptists in the East, have prospered most gloriously. The mighty influences of the gospel are now pervading a vast amount of Burman mind, and Baptist-churches are rising up in different parts of the Empire. Surely we shall not be charged with enthusiasm, if we predict, that at no very distant day, Burmah will be a land of Sabbaths, of gospel light, of gospel glory; when sources of light and benevolence will spring up there, and send their streams of light to other lands, to other people. We, of N. Carolina, bless God that we are yearly contributing in some small degree to scatter the light of truth among the benighted heathen; and we most ardently hope, that ere long some of our own children will be among the happy number, who are now suffering and rejoicing beneath the rays of a Burman sun.

During the meeting of the Board in June last, at Chesnut Grove, the Wilmington church was reported to be in a prosperous condition.— It is a source of high gratification to the Board, to learn that the prospects of that church are more promising than they have ever been before. The church is now blessed with the services of a faithful and zealous pastor.

A Committee was appointed to adopt measures that might tend to secure the services of an efficient pastor for the Raleigh church. This Committee will report to the Convention.

The Board has two beneficiaries under its patronage, at the Wake Forest Institute. They are both pursuing a classical course of study. Their success in their studies is promising, and augurs favorably for future usefulness to the church. They have commended themselves to the faculty of the Institute, as amiable, pious, and interesting young brethren.

In reviewing the past, the Board cannot refrain from expressing their gratitude to God for the great mercy that has attended the efforts of the Convention. Everything that the Convention has touched, has prospered. By the grace of God, our Missionaries have been successful in turning souls to the Lord; and our Agents have, to a very great extent, raised up the Denomination to a sense of its duties, and of the wants of the people. The Great Head of the church has especially blessed the Wake Forest Institute. The past has been one continued series of success, for which our prayer is, "Lord give us thankful hearts." The future is before us—we have the promise of him who is truth itself, that if we faint not, we shall reap.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.

REPORT OF J. CULPEPER, Sen....AGENT.

Elder John Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dear Brother,—

The time has arrived when it becomes my duty to lay before you, for the use of the Convention, an account of my labours during the past year. In doing this, I deem it proper to state, that shortly after the close of the last session, I visited the churches in the Northern parts of Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, and part of Wake, and attended the meeting of the Board at Wake Forest in December. I next travelled through the counties of Richmond, Robeson, Columbus, and a part of Brunswick, but was prevented by the inclemency of the weather, from visiting the South Western part of Bladen. I then visited the counties of Montgomery, Moore, Chatham, Orange, Person, Caswell, Rockingham, Guilford, and Randolph; and have since visited the counties of Davidson, Stokes, Wilkes, and Rowan, and travelled considerably in Anson—finding Bro. Thomas was called to attend the Western parts of the State. I have travelled 195 days, preached 155 sermons, attended 5 Associations, and seven protracted meetings, of from four to thirteen days continuance. At all of these Associations and Protracted meetings, I had an opportunity of explaining the objects of our Convention, and describing the progress we have made, and are now making in the accomplishment of these objects; and, although great misrepresentation, and consequent prejudice and opposition prevail, in many sections of the country against our plans, I have found the people attentive to our explanations; and where the people can be induced to read the history of our proceedings, and attend to correct and judicious explanations, the mists of prejudice and misapprehension which hung round the enterprize, and benevolent institutions of the day, and obscured their grandeur and importance, have been dispersed; and many of our well meaning, but misguided brethren & friends, who once opposed us, and treated us as the enemies of God and his gospel, are now sincere friends and ready to come to the help of the Lord. Some new societies

have been formed, and some old ones revived and enlarged. Something too, has been done to encourage the formation of Sabbath Schools and Temperance Societies where ever success could be expected.

In some of the churches which have been visited, the state of religion is not the most promising; but in others prospects are pleasing, and great numbers are joining, and the gates of Zion are crowded; and in others much anxiety and feeling are apparent. Many of our brethren in the Ministry, and some of whom we love, refuse to associate with us and unite in the good work, yet we have much cause for gratitude to God. The signs of the times are encouraging, many of our brethren in the extreme western parts of our State, and in most of the adjoining States, are successfully employed in the promotion of the objects contemplated by us. The improvement in our denomination and the success of our efforts are apparent, not only from the additions to many of our churches, and the increase and enlargement of our Auxiliary Societies, but from the numerous large and comfortable houses which have been built, and are now building for religious worship in different parts of our State, and the large sums subscribed for the building of suitable houses for the accommodation of the students at the WakeForest Institute, and in the high standard of religious duty set up in many of our churches

But although much has been done, and we may truly say, what hath God wrought, yet much, very much remains to be done; and, although God is sovereign and orders all things according to the council of his own will, yet he works by means, and his purposes are accomplished by the means infinite wisdom has appointed, and God has enjoined in his word. And the success hitherto accompanying our feeble efforts should stimulate us to continued and increasing exertions: and every thing in the word and providence of God, in the state of the church and of the world, should urge us to activity in the cause of God and truth.

Our charities should not be scanty, our prayers faint, or our faith weak. That you, my dear Brother, and every member of the Convention, and all our religious friends may have and feel more fully than ever, what are the peculiar duties you owe to God, to the church, and to the world; and may willingly discharge them in the way that is most conducive to God's glory, your individual comfort, and the prosperity of Zion is my fervent prayer.

J. CULPEPER, Sen. Agent.

REPORT OF JAMES THOMAS....AGENT.

Wilkes County, N. C., October 27th, 1835.

Elder John Armstrong Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

My Dear Brother,—

In this communication, I give you an account of my services for the

Convention, in this end of the State, during the last six months, the time and place assigned me by this body. I entered my field of labour the first of last May, and have since devoted my whole time and attention, except 29 days, which time I lost from sickness, rain, and high waters. I have visited the most of the Churches and Towns in Anson, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Rowan, Iredell, Lincoln, Wilkes, and Surry counties, and part of those in Montgomery, Stokes, and Burke, to whom I have preached the word of life as the great means of securing the glory of God in the salvation of sinners, and the most effectual method of suppressing error, defending the faith, and of concentrating the efforts of our denomination in the objects of this Convention. I have often had special evidence of divine favour on my labours in promoting the cause of Missions; in rousing young converts to duty; and, I have a hope, of building up among the saints and churches the Spirit of research for the path of duty in reference to this body. It has been my special care to present to the people the objects and claims of this body, in as true a light as possible, in order to test the love and zeal of all for Christ and his cause, and that each church and individual might have an opportunity of doing their duty.

I have, therefore, left a subscription with each church where I have been, to contain the donations of those who are willing to aid in our work of love. Some rejoice in our prosperity, approve of our plans, and promise to meet us and give us their aid; others seemed friendly, received a subscription at my hand, and asked me to come again, but would not promise to help; a third class will do what they can against us—as usual; a few of these are open to instruction and may be reclaimed; others of this class are determined in their course are set against the light, and, I fear, are beyond recovery.

I have travelled during the last six months, about two hundred miles; preached one hundred & seventy nine sermons; and aided in receiving the christian experience of 66 individuals, 22 of whom I baptized. I have officiated in 8 sacramental services and in two ordinations. Twenty-nine dollars have been handed to me from different individuals for the Convention; the names and the amount will be seen in another place.—About 10 dollars have been given to me, which I will give to the board of this body. My expenses have been about 60 dollars.

I find from the Minutes of the different Associations in this end of the State, and that west of a straight line from Richmond co., to Stokes, that there are 10 Associations, which contain 123 churches, 96 ministers, 60 ordained, 36 licensed, and 5920 communicants; 775 baptized in one year. \$171 90 were sent up for Minutes and other purposes. A part of two of the Associations are in South Carolina. Nearly all of these Associations are divided on the subject of Missions, Ministerial Education, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies, and such like Institutions.—Every kind of imaginary objection is found against these institutions by some—yet, they are viewed in their true light by others, and considered as productive of great good to the moral condition of man, and to the furtherance of the gospel.

The Sabbath School cause is advancing in many places. Eld. J. B.

Ballard, the Sabbath School Agent, has done much for this cause in this region. The Temperance reform is evidently on the decline, and the use of strong drink is taking deep root, more or less in all this fruitful country. I have seen not less than 17 distilleries in operation this fall in my field of labour; and woful to tell, many professors of religion, who say they desire the prosperity of Zion, to do good, eschew evil, and abhor drunkenness in all its forms, make, sell, use, give, and send abroad this awful evil, and they often quote the Scriptures to justify their course. It is not the common class of men only that use and spread this poison abroad; but the official members of christian communities, and candidates for public office lend their aid, and are often assisted on in their path to honor by and through the magic influence of this monster of misery. There are some neighborhood and individual exceptions; yes, there are some excellent ones scattered in all this region, who mourn over the ravages of this fiend of darkness; and will not cease to pray and strive against the winds and waves of opposition till help be given from on high.

Some in all of these Associations approve of the cause of missions, pity and pray for the heathen, as they say, and yet do no more; others like part of our movements, reject the rest, and often refuse to aid in any part of our work. Thus I have given a glimpse of the confused state of things in the opposing parts of this end of the State; but as above mentioned, there are other precious ones, who are, I believe, bound upon with the zeal of the Lord of hosts, and will not rest until righteousness go forth as brightness, and salvation as a lamp that burneth, and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

I had it in my power to visit the Mountain, Yadkin, Catawba, and the Brier Creek Associations at their last sessions, and was most kindly received, invited to preach, aided in business, and I presented our claims and cause before them. The Mountain Association, though a large body composed of many ministers—yet, but little aid will be given to us from this region. From this meeting, I passed on among the churches in Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg; and I expected from thence to visit the churches above the blue ridge, and those which compose the western Convention; but, for want of time, and a sudden attack of fever, I was therefore prevented from visiting them at all. But I addressed some of the leading brethren of that region, and from their letters and the Minutes of the new Convention, I infer that in Spirit we and they are one, and thir course and our course is the same—though they choose to act distinct from us in the same good work. I next visited the Yadkin Association, and found the representation full, and all friendly. This body passed a resolution favourable to our course, and all their things was done in charity. We had a refreshing time from the presence of the Lord. I next met the Catawba Association in session, and laid our cause before them, and after sundry remarks, some for, and some against, it was voted to be noticed in their Minutes, and left to the churches to do in these matters as they saw proper. The same remarks are applicable to the Brier Creek Association, in part, and many of this body will

aid us in all of our measures, and rejoice to see our cause arise. In conclusion I would say that many things occur to damp our feeling, check the cause, and chill our zeal; yet great good has been done, is yet to do, and the cause being the Lord's and must and shall prevail, we should therefore thank the Lord, and take courage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES THOMAS

REPORT OF WILLIAM J. FINLEY...AGENT.

Union Camp Ground, Nov. 2d, 1835.

Elder John Armstrong, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Dear Brother,—

It is proper that you should hear from me, concerning my labours for the Convention, during the year now closed. Early in November I was apprized of my appointment by the Convention, as one of its Agents, to travel six months in the section between Cape Fear and Tar Rivers, including the counties of Halifax and Northampton. I made preparation immediately to fulfil the same. The business of my Agency, besides 4 months missionary service, in the 3d section, occupied my time in the counties of Northampton, Duplin, Sampson, Bladen, Johnston, Cumberland, Wayne, Lenoir, Pitt, Beaufort, Craven, Carteret, Jones, and Onslow, to the close of July. Severe weather, and in some instances failure in appointments, prevented me from labouring in some of the above counties, as much as I anticipated. Since the 1st of August, I have visited as many as it was practicable, of the churches in the counties of Wake, Franklin, Nash, Halifax, Northampton, Edgecombe, and Green. An alteration was made in my arrangements without my knowledge, which prevented my visiting Warren, except merely to pass through it.

I have travelled 127 days, visited 3 protracted meetings, 1 union meeting, several meetings of from two to three days continuance, 2 Associations, and 1 camp meeting; preached 124 sermons; delivered many exhortations; twice assisted in Ordinations; eight times in administering the Sacrament of the supper; and many times in receiving the experience of candidates for admittance into the church. I desire to thank the Lord, that he has not left me without reason to believe that his hand has been upon me. In my efforts to administer the word, at many times my own soul, and the souls of many of them to whom it was my privilege to administer, felt it to be in deed, and in truth, the word of God.—Although coldness has been much complained of in the churches, I have had the happiness to see, at many times, believers renewed in their strength; sinners mourning on account of sin, and some of these in a little time rejoicing in a good hope through grace. Some of my brethren in the ministry, I have no doubt, have seen more revivals recently than I have; but I thank the Lord, who has given even me to see him reviving his work; as for instance, at Potecasy in Northampton co.,

and at Mount Pisgah, in Chatham. I have been generally, well received and kindly treated; even by some who had not been favourably disposed towards our institution.

Opposition has generally lost its violence, but it is much to be regretted, that many who profess themselves friendly to our institutions, have little or no zeal. This circumstance is worse for the good cause, than all the opposition that can be made. This will also apply to Temperance Societies, which are, however, in many parts, exerting a mild influence which is felt by many who speak, or have spoken against them. In a few places, Sabbath Schools are pretty well attended; but in our State, the system seems to be only in its infancy. For, as far as I have become acquainted with facts touching the Associations which oppose the institutions of the day, their increase for the past year, has been, if any, comparatively small.

I have received, as will be seen in the Table below, the amount of \$37 37 in small donations to the Convention. I have had on some occasions, subscription papers, in behalf of the funds of your venerable body, and was kindly received. Your present meeting, I expected, would witness some of the results. I received in presents to my self, the sum of \$40, sixteen of which I shall appropriate to the interest of the Convention.

Now, that the Lord may prosper you in all your pious undertakings for the promotion of his declarative glory, is the prayer of

Your obedient servant in the Lord,

WILLIAM J. FINLEY.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE W. F. INSTITUTE,

Your Committee on the Wake Forest Institute beg leave to report; that all the operations of this Institution are moving on prosperously and harmoniously. The present year commenced with about one hundred students, and their number continues about the same. An examination of the students of the Institute took place in July last: and the report of the examining committee is obliged to render high gratification to all the friends of this beloved concern, and place still higher in estimation, those who have the immediate charge of the school.

For it cannot be doubted, that the uncommon progress made by the students of the Institute is entirely dependent on the constant and untiring zeal of its Professors, our esteemed brethren Wait and Armstrong, and to those names may now be added, that of brother Graves as Tutor. Matters there move on harmoniously and in order; the students take pride in their school, and go forward with alacrity and cheerfulness in all its operations. The healthful appearance of the young men, and the successful progress in their studies, must prove satisfactorily to every mind, the great advantages of the labour department of that Institution. The College building undertaken by Capt. John Berry, is going on with steady briskness, and no doubts are entertained of its completion even before the time allotted; but it is doubtful whether or no, any convenience will be available from it, before the beginning of the year 1837.— In addition to that building, the students themselves have erected a com-

fortable house with four commodious rooms.

Your Committee entertain no doubts or fears about the continued success of this child of the Convention, and recommend it still to its fostering care and protection. The experiment of connecting manual labour with study, has now, we judge, been fairly made. The publick are aware of the advantages, and now your Committee can confidently say, it is their belief that we have every thing to hope, and nothing to fear.—Your Committee cannot close this report, without referring to the blessed fact of the late revival among the students of the Institute. We say blessed, because few such incidents are to be found in the annals of history. That it should thus please God, in such an almost miraculous manner, *once a year*, to pour out his spirit upon so many, so young, and in so short a period. Among the number, are many of the finest gifts of the Institute, and your Committee rejoice and bless God in the prospect, that from this nursery may go out many proclaimers of salvation through Christ.

But such are the facts, and although to us, they may appear wonderful—yet we rejoice in the result, and take courage in the belief, that God, in his providence, is already amply rewarding those who have toiled to put this Institution into operation, by thus early bringing so many to a knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus; those whose happy lots have been cast, as students of the Wake Forest Institute.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee to whom was referred the periodical, beg leave to present the following report:

The present prosperous condition of the Convention, must in some considerable degree, be referred to the influence of the press. The Interpreter contributed largely to enlighten the minds of our brethren on the importance of the various objects of the Convention. The Biblical Recorder succeeded the Interpreter, and during the last year, it has been a powerful auxiliary to the benevolent efforts of the age. It admits of a doubt with your Committee, whether, as a Convention, we could now get along at all, without the aid of a periodical. We have no hesitation in saying, that our success will be proportionate to the extent of its circulation. Your Committee cannot say too much in praise of the able, and successful manner in which the editor has conducted his paper.

Your Committee would recommend to you, the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That we, the members of the Convention, will each use our utmost endeavours to secure five additional subscribers, and forward them on to the editor of the Biblical Recorder.

Resolved, That the Convention earnestly request that all the friends of the Convention do the same.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report :

Your Committee have taken this subject into consideration, as much as their limited opportunities would permit. We believe that it is an institution of great importance, and calculated by the blessing of God to extend the kingdom of Christ.

We find, however, that there are difficulties, which in some places, prevent their successful operation. Among these may be mentioned, a want of suitable teachers and superintendents, apathy in relation to the instruction of children, sparseness of the population in some parts of the State, indifference of some of the ministry on the subject, a want of suitable houses in which to hold schools, prejudice against the institution, and last, tho' not least, a want of information on the subject.

Notwithstanding all these obstacles, this work of love is moving onward. Something has been done. There are, as reported, by the American Sunday School Union, in their last report, in this State, 152 schools, 1,210 teachers, 7,651 scholars belonging to that institution. And, from what we know of other schools, which do not belong to that Society, we judge it safe to estimate the whole number in the State, at 228 schools, 1,815 teachers, 11,416 scholars. There are, also, 14 depositories established at the most important points in the State, where suitable books for libraries can be obtained.

The A. S. S. Union, by their agents, have filled up 24 counties with S. Schools in the State, and partially supplied a number more; and they are making efforts as fast as their means will admit, to establish a S. School in every neighborhood where it is practicable; and to supply them with suitable books.

Your Committee firmly believe that this institution is, when properly managed a powerful means under God of promoting the learning, the morals, and the salvation of the rising population of our country; that it is the means of promoting a better observance of the Sabbath and of producing a missionary spirit; for who can read the Memoirs of a Swartz, a Brainard, a Martyn, a Mrs. Judson, books in the S. School library, and not feel favorably impressed in favor of the cause of missions? We also conceive that it is the means of calling the attention of young men to the gospel ministry.

How many a young man, while imparting instruction to his S. School class and exhorting them to be reconciled to God, has had his mind deeply impressed with preaching the same Jesus whom he loves, to his perishing fellow creatures.

While something has been done in this state in this good cause, yet we conceive there is much remains to be done; that renewed, vigorous, and persevering measures should be taken as soon as practicable to establish and sustain a good Sabbath School in all our congregations throughout the land.

Under these considerations, therefore, we do most earnestly recommend this subject to the consideration, prayers, and vigilant co-operation of our denomination throughout the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. BALLARD.

 REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Baptist Denomination in the State of North Carolina, respectfully report :

That we have it not in our power to give you an accurate statistical statement of the Baptist interest in the state; nor are we certain that such a course would be consistent with our duties.

There are twenty-eight Associations in the State, including three, situated partly in South Carolina. Twenty of these Associations, are mainly engaged in promoting the benevolent efforts of the Age. There has been a considerable increase in number in their churches during the past year—some have received but few additions; but others have been greatly strengthened by large additions, amongst which are found many persons of intelligence and wealth. The churches have not generally, an adequate supply of Ministerial laborers; and a considerable number of our preachers are not so well informed as we could desire. We are happy, however, to be able to state, that our ministry is growing in numbers, piety, energy, and intelligence. We realize a gradual increase of interest in favor of the Missionary Enterprize, and other kindred institutions.

There are in North-Carolina about thirty-thousand communicants in the Baptist Churches. These, with the exception of eight Associations in the opposition, containing comparatively few in number, are advancing in all those things pertaining to godliness, and which are calculated to give us that standing in the community to which our doctrines entitle us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CULPEPER, Jun. Ch.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to present the following Report:

There is great cause of gratitude to the God of Missions, for the success with which he has crowned the efforts of his people, to send the light of life to those who have long been sitting in the region and shadow of death.

All the stations occupied at the time of your last annual meeting, are now in successful operation. Some of them have been replenished with additional laborers; and other facilities for publishing the word of eternal life, in various forms, among the heathen, have been multiplied, and are almost daily multiplying.

The wilderness and the solitary places begin to be glad for them, and the desert is beginning to blossom as the rose. Very recently, sixteen devoted servants of the Lord Jesus, (four of them from your sister state, Virginia,) have bid farewell to home, and kindred, and country, and taken their departure to different, and distant heathen lands, to toil, and suffer, and die, for the benefit of their benighted fellow beings, and the glory of their Lord and Master. The field of labour already white to the harvest, is widening before us, and inviting us to greater effort and greater glory.

The board of the "General Convention of the Baptist denomination in the U. States" has determined to send out every qualified man who may present himself as a missionary; and the Triennial Convention, at its recent session, resolved to raise within the current year, a hundred thousand dollars for that glorious object.

Under the direction of the board, Elder Howard Malcom is gone to visit all our Missionary stations—explore the enemy's territory—look out new fields of labour, and report the most favorable points of attack upon the Empire of sin and death.

The word and works of God speak upon this subject, a language which cannot be misunderstood.

The heathen are given to our Redeemer for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth, for a possession. Soon it shall be announced in heaven "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

In view of the encouraging prospects before us, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That we highly approve the Resolution of the Triennial Convention, to raise a hundred thousand dollars within the present year, for foreign missions, and that we will use our best efforts to pay our full proportion of that sum.

JOHN KERR Ch.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following report:—

From the best information which your committee have been able to obtain, it appears that the existing state of our Domestic Mission, is far from being as prosperous as we could wish, or as the interests of the denomination require. Reports have been received from but five of our Missionaries, appointed the last year, from which circumstance the inference is to be drawn, that these are the only persons who have at all complied with their appointments. Of these, but two have performed more than a few months' service. These facts, added to the circumstances, that we have received but a very limited representation from several sections of the State, and that the Domestic Mission funds are presumed to be less than they have been on any preceeding occasion, furnish conclusive evidence that something is materially wrong in this important branch of our operations. And your committee would here take occasion to remark, that efficient and successful measures in this department are of the more signal importance on account of the obvious fact, that, on the success of our operations in this department, depends, in a great measure, our success in each of the others.

In view of the foregoing, your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That Missionary service be employed, during the ensuing year, to the full extent of the funds in hand.
2. That the attention of our churches, societies, &c. be specially called to the claims of our DOMESTIC MISSION, as a matter of paramount importance.
3. That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to superintend our Missionary operations during the ensuing twelve months—to make contracts to give instructions—and, especially to secure the execution of the first resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
T. MEREDITH, Ch.

REPORT ON THE AGENCY.

The committee on the agency would respectfully report:—That one of our agents has performed his whole term of service, and gone through his entire section—that one has gone through about one half of his section—that from one we have received no direct intelligence—and that the other has done nothing. From these facts it is obvious that a large proportion of the state has not been visited at all. The consequence is such as was to be apprehended, namely, numerous failures in representation in this body, and a corresponding deficiency in the amount of funds contributed. These circumstances, in the view of the committee, render it indispensably necessary for the convention to change the mode of operation adopted the last year. The committee would accordingly recommend the following resolutions:—

1. **RESOLVED**, That the Convention employ the services of two efficient Agents for the whole of the time, during the ensuing year.
2. **RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed, to nominate two Agents for the next year.
3. **RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed whose duty shall be to prepare a letter of Instruction for the Agents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
T. MEREDITH, Ch.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education submit the following report:—Among the various objects of the Convention, the object of Education commands a prominent place. As a Denomination, we, of all men, ought to be the most intelligent. Our distinguishing characteristic as a people is the important sentiment, that “man is capable of self government” and hence our churches are all founded upon the broad principles of Republicanism, and independent of each other. In order, therefore, to defend our principles, to administer the government of our churches, and give respectability to our claims, we must be an intelligent people. The mass of ignorance which pervades a large portion of our Denomination, must be dissipated by education, before we can hope to remove the narrow prejudices which now render them suspicious of the expanding benevolence, and Christian efforts of their more enlightened brethren. An enlightened people will have an enlightened ministry. If, therefore, we enlighten the people, they will take care that the ministry be competent to meet the demands of the age. The committee would, therefore, commend Wake Forest Institute to the especial patronage of the Convention. The interest of the Denomination is intimately connected with the Institute. The Convention has two young ministering brethren at the Institute, and there is a prospect of the application of several more. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the attention of the brethren be directed to the Education fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Ch.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to say : that they are gratified in learning that, in many parts of this State, the cause is advancing. New Societies, since the last session of this body, have been formed in various parts of the State; and multitudes have attached themselves to these Societies, and are doing all in their power to increase the general interest of the cause. We pretend not to know the precise number of Societies formed, or individuals added; and probably it might not be important at present to know this. Suffice for us to know that the Lord has, in this respect, done great things for us, whereof we are glad.—But while we reflect with rejoicing on what has been done in this work, we should not forget that much is remaining yet to be done. There is much land yet to be possessed. And here your Committee would recommend the propriety of increased effort on the part of all the friends of the Temperance reformation. We consider this to be the cause of God, inasmuch as it has in view the same ends which have ever characterized the beneficent Jehovah. We regard it vastly important, both on account of the present and future consequences of the use of this awful bane; but still we would hope that great prudence might accompany all our efforts in this benevolent undertaking. In putting down one side, let us labour not to create another. In destroying drunkenness, let us not excite malice and hatred. Especially we would suggest that, whatever zeal may be discovered in us on this point, let no expressions in addresses, or on any occasion be indulged which might chill the hearts of any against the ministry, or more especially against the gospel.

A. W. CHAMBLISS, Ch.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties	CONTRIBUTIONS.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC'N.	TOTAL.
Wake,	Chesnut Grove,	6 25	3 75		10 00
	Wake Forest,	31 00	31 00	31 00	93 00
	Rolesville Church,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10 00
	N. A. Purify,	1 50	1 50		3 00
	M.M. Dunn's Sub. paper,	40 00			40 00
Craven,	Newbern,	15 00			15 00
	Female Working Society,	15 00			15 00
S. C.	John Massey, Esq.		5 00		5 00
Cumbl'd.	Cape Fear, F.M.Society,	31 00			31 00
	Cape Fear Association,	10 00	42 22		52 22
Craven,	W. P. Biddle,	10 00			10 00
Chath'm	Reeves' Chapel,	3 43	3 43	3 44	10 30
	Joshua Williams,		3 00		3 00
	W. H. Bridges,		1 00		1 00
	Cash.		20		20
	May's Chapel,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	McLoud's M. House,	2 33	2 33	2 34	7 00
	Bear Creek,	2 20	2 20	2 21	6 62
	Richm'd	Carthledge Creek,	17 44	33 06	9 50
	Bethel,	1 00	16 25	3 00	20 25
Davids'n	Lick Creek,	6 55	1 72	1 73	10 00
	Abbott's Creek,	9 75	25		10 00
Iredell,	Society Church,	6 50	7 00	75	14 25
	New Hope,*	16 33	17 00	34	33 75
Guilford.	Jamestown,	9 50	50		10 00
Meck'bg.	Beulah,	5 00	10 00	5 00	20 00
Caswell,	County Line Church,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Montg'y.	New Union,	1 00	4 85	1 00	6 85
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	6 66	39 68	5 17	50 70
	Deep Creek,		5 20		5 20
	Rocky River,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Smithfield,	4 45	6 20	3 45	14 10
Rowan,	Eaton's,	5 25	1 00	4 00	10 25
Person,	Olive Branch,	7 25	7 50	50	15 25
Gr'nville	Grassy Creek,	6 30	8 85	3 37	19 52
Person,	Beulah Association,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Orange,	Mount Zion,	4 00	3 33	2 67	10 00
	Mount Carmel,	2 00	6 00	2 00	10 00
N. Han'r.	Wilmington,		10 00	10 00	20 00
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	4 25	3 25	2 50	10 00
Davids'n	Holloway's Church,	9 00	1 00		10 18
Gr'nville	Hester's Church,	1 00	8 93	25	10 00
Orange,	W. H. Merritt,	10 00	20 00	10 00	40 52
Chath'm.	Mineral Spring,	3 84	3 84	3 84	11 00
Meckb'g.	James Thomas,	5 00	5 00		10 00
S. C.	Female Benevolent Soc.		16 00		16 00
Meckb'g.	Burrell Cashon,	1 00			1 00
	Miss S. Aberathie,	25			25
	Mrs. N. Aberathie,	25			25
Ruth'Pd.	Servant Daniel,		5		5
Surry.	Rev. P. Ramsour,	2 00			2 00

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REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Wilkes,	C. Christman,	1 00			1 00
	Mrs. P. Helley,	1 00			1 00
	Mrs. F. Carmichald,	50			50
	Miss V. Carmichald,	50			50
Anson,	Mr. D. Bryan,	1 00			1 00
Iredell,	Col. Jos. White,	2 00			2 00
Pearson,	Daniel Speck,			1 00	1 00
Gr'nville,	W. Elderson,			25	25
	Francis Hester,	50			50
	Lewis Montague,	50	50		1 00
	W. Montague,	37	38		75
	F. Montague,	25	25	25	75
Moore,	John Montague,	12	13		25
Montg'y.	Jos. G. Moore,	50	50		1 00
Chatham,	Asa W. Chambers,	2 50	2 50		5 00
Orange,	Rockey Spring,	8 20	12 00		20 20
	Antioch,	3 25	6 76		10 00
	R. Murchison,	2 50	2 50		5 00
Wilkes,	Globe Church,	2 00			2 00
Rowan,	W. Coffey,	10			10
Wake,	Fork Church,	5 00	3 75	1 25	10 00
Meck'bg.	Raleigh,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	Long Creek,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Surry,	Island Ford,	6 50	6 75		13 25
Stokes,	Thos. Wright,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Moore,	New Friendship,	8 00	2 00		10 00
Montg'y.	Dover M. H.	4 75	5 25		10 00
Hertford,	Cross Road Forks,	7 50	2 25	25	10 00
	Maherring M. H.	3 83	3 83	3 84	11 50
Wake,	Cedar Fork,	4 00	8 30		12 30
Chath'm.	Mount Pisgah Church,	2 25	8 00		10 25
Orange,	Mount Moriah,	2 00	8 00		10 00
Dauids'n	Jersey Settlement,	6 27	14 72	5 83	26 83
Stokes,	Henry Alspanct,		50		50
Surry,	Thos. Douglas,	1 00			1 00
Montg'y.	Kendall's Church,	3 37	2 63		6 00
N.Han.	W. J. Finley,	5 33	5 33	5 34	16 00
Northan	J. Peel,				3 00
	L. Cook,				3 00
	Pottecasy Church,				6 00
N. Han.	Miss Betsey Pridger,				5 11
	Miss B. Buxton,				25
	John Halloman,				5 00
Wake,	Hephsebah,				1 75
	Sandy Creek,				75
	Galloway's,				5 16
Pitt,	Annonymous,	12 45	12 45	12 46	50
	Sisters Moore & Blount,				1 00
N. Han.	Moore's Creek,				75
Lenoir,	Alexander Moseley,				1 00
Warren,	— Watson,				1 00
Carteret,	— Davis,				1 00
Edge'mb	— Parker,				1 00
Nash,	Miss Powell,				50
Gr'nville	Mr. & Mrs. Fragier,				50

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*

ART. 2. The primary objects of this Convention shall be the education of young men, called of God to the Ministry, and approved of by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of the United States in the promotion of Missions in general.

ART. 3. The funds devoted to these objects shall be kept distinct from each other, and shall be punctually appropriated agreeably to the specific intention of contributors.

ART. 4. This Institution shall be composed of such individuals, and delegates from such Associations, Churches, and Societies, as shall make adequate contributions to its funds.

ART. 5. Every Association, Church, Society, or individual, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one Delegate, who shall be a member of the Baptist Church, for every ten dollars paid into the Treasury.

ART. 6. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be, a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who, with thirty others, shall constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board; that of the Vice Presidents, in case of his absence, according to seniority. The Corresponding Secretary shall be required to correspond with Societies, or individuals, so far as the interests of the Convention shall require; and the Recording Secretary shall preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body.— The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Convention, to be subject to the order of the Board; shall give security for the faithful discharge of his duties; and shall make an annual report of the receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

ART. 8. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, at such place as it shall from time to time designate; when they shall adopt such measures as shall best tend to carry into effect the different objects of the Convention, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 9. There shall be an adequate number of Agents, subject to the direction of the Convention or its Board, whose duty it shall be to visit Associations, Churches, &c. and endeavor to secure their co-operation with this Institution, conformably to the provisions of the Constitution.

ART. 10. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, commencing on such day & at such place, as it shall from time to time direct.

ART. 11. The Convention shall require of its Board, a specific report of all their proceedings at each annual meeting.

ART. 12. Any alteration may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.